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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the aboveidentified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4 and 5 as follows.

Claim 4. line 1; change "any one of claims 1" to

---Claim 1---.

line 2; delete "to 3".

Claim 5, line 1; change "any one of claims 1" to

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line 2; delete "to 4".

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AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE TITLE

Please change USPTO records to indicate that the title to be used in this application is ---PROCESS FOR FORMING AGGREGATES OF HYDROPHOBIC GROUP-CONTAINING POLYSACCHARIDE---, which title coincides with the title appearing in the English translation of the specification.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to issuance of the first Office Action is respectfully solicited. This amendment is intended to place the application in better form for consideration by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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